VIRGINIA WATER CONTROL BOARD - NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
APPROVAL OF TWO TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD IMPLEMENTATION PLANS (TMDL IPs)
ISSUED: January 9, 2006
COMMENT PERIOD CLOSES: February 9, 2006 at 4:00 p.m.

Notice is hereby given that the State Water Control Board (Board) is seeking comment on the approval of two Total Maximum Daily Load Implementation Plans (TMDL IPs) and authorization to include these TMDL IPs in the appropriate Water Quality Management Plans. All TMDLs addressed by these implementation plans have been previously approved by EPA.

The purpose of this action is to approve two TMDL IPs addressing nine bacteria TMDLs as Virginia's plans for the pollutant reductions necessary for attainment of water quality goals in several impaired waterbodies. These actions are taken in accordance with the Public Participation Procedures for Water Quality Management Planning.

At its June 26, 2005 meeting, the Board voted unanimously to delegate to the DEQ Director the authority to approve TMDL IPs, provided that a summary report of the action the Director plans to take is presented to the Board prior to the Director approving the TMDL IPs. The TMDL IPs included in this public notice will be approved using this delegation of authority.

The TMDL IPs listed below have been developed in accordance with the 1997 Water Quality Monitoring, Information and Restoration Act (WQMIRA, §62.1-44.19:4 through 19:8 of the Code of Virginia) and federal recommendations. The TMDL IPs were developed in accordance with DEQ's Public Participation Procedures for Water Quality Management Planning. Extensive public participation was solicited during the development of the plans, and the public comment process provided the affected stakeholders with opportunities for comment on the proposed plans. The final TMDL IPs can be found at http://www.deq.state.va.us/tmdl/iprpts.html

DEQ staff intends to recommend 1) that the DEQ Director approve the two TMDL IPs listed below, and 2) that the DEQ Director authorize inclusion of the TMDL IPs in the appropriate Water Quality Management Plans. No regulatory amendments are required for these TMDL IPs.

In the Potomac-Shenandoah River Basin:
"Willis River Water Quality Implementation Plan (Fecal Coliform TMDL)"

1. Willis River bacteria TMDL implementation plan, Cumberland and Buckingham Counties

In the Chowan River-Dismal Swamp River Basin:
"A Total Maximum Daily Load Implementation Plan for the Chowan Study Area"

2. Beaverpond Creek bacteria TMDL implementation plan, Dinwiddie County
3. Big Hounds Creek bacteria TMDL implementation plan, Lunenburg County
4. Little Nottoway River bacteria TMDL implementation plan, Nottoway County
5. Nottoway River bacteria TMDL implementation plan, Lunenburg, Nottoway and Prince Edward Counties
6. Raccoon Creek bacteria TMDL implementation plan, Sussex and Southampton Counties
7. Cypress Swamp bacteria TMDL implementation plan, Surry and Isle of Wight Counties
8. Mill Swamp bacteria TMDL implementation plan, Surry and Isle of Wight Counties
9. Rattlesnake (Creek) Swamp bacteria TMDL implementation plan, Surry and Isle of Wight Counties

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: The Board is seeking comments on the intended approval of eleven bacteria TMDL reports. Anyone wishing to submit written comments may do so by mail or by e-mail to Jutta Schneider at the address given below. Written comments must include the name and address of the commenter and must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on February 9, 2006.

CONTACT: Additional information is available on the Department of Environmental Quality web site at http://www.deq.virginia.gov/tmdl/ or contact Jutta Schneider, Department of Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 10009, Richmond, VA 23240, or telephone (804) 698-4099, or e-mail at jschneider@deq.virginia.gov

A copy of the full text of these procedures is available electronically at:
http://www.deq.virginia.gov/tmdl/pdf/tmdlippn122005.pdf

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